

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 15**

January 29, 2015

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Children's Services (DCS) to immediately notify a law enforcement agency if it is reasonably foreseeable that an internal or external investigation conducted by DCS will likely result in criminal prosecution. DCS shall fully cooperate with law enforcement and the district attorney general if a separate investigation or subsequent prosecution is initiated.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- According to DCS, the department currently refers likely criminal behavior to the appropriate law enforcement agency and district attorney; therefore, the proposed legislation will codify current practice.
- Currently, law enforcement and the district attorney may investigate and initiate subsequent prosecution if internal or external criminal conduct has been discovered by DCS. This will not result in a significant increase in the number of investigations or prosecutions by law enforcement or the district attorneys.
- Any fiscal impact is not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Jeffrey L. Spalding".

Jeffrey L. Spalding, Executive Director

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